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## **TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY TO PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

Albany, New York —JAMES P. AIMI, age 65, of Ancram, New York, pled guilty on January 14, 2013 in United States District Court in Albany before Chief United States District Court Judge Gary L. Sharpe to twenty-four counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent U.S. income tax returns, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Toni M. Weirauch, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service, New York Field Office.

AIMI admitted that between 2005 and 2008, he aided numerous taxpayers in the preparation of income tax returns for presentation to the Internal Revenue Service each of which was false and fraudulent, in that each return represented that the taxpayer was entitled to claim deductions that AIMI knew were false or exaggerated.

Sentencing was scheduled by Chief Judge Sharpe for May 7, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in Albany, New York. Aimi faces a maximum sentence of three years of imprisonment on each of the twenty-four counts. .

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service.

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